

FLOOR AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1776 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____ Amendment submitted by: Kyle Hilbert _____

Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1776

By: Hilbert of the House

and

Pugh of the Senate

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An Act relating to the Semiquincentennial of the United States; creating the Oklahoma Semiquincentennial Commission; providing sunset data; providing for duties of the Commission; providing for membership; providing deadline for appointments and first meeting; providing for staffing; declaring quorum; allowing travel expense reimbursement; declaring certain authorization; requiring report; creating the Semiquincentennial Revolving Fund; providing sunset date; transferring remaining monies after sunset date; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 500 of Title 53, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Semiquincentennial
2 Commission until June 30, 2027.

3 B. The duties of the Commission shall be as follows:

4 1. Be the point of contact for state and national organizations
5 and events related to the Semiquincentennial of the United States;

6 2. Develop programs and plans for the official observance of
7 the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States in 2026,
8 as marked by the Declaration of Independence in 1776; and

9 3. Cooperate with the United States Semiquincentennial
10 Commission and various state agencies, boards, commissions,
11 departments, and political subdivisions in order to execute
12 commemorative events and to implement educational activities,
13 events, and celebrations related to the Semiquincentennial of the
14 United States.

15 C. The Commission shall be composed of twenty-five (25)
16 members. The members shall serve as follows:

17 1. Five members appointed by the Governor as follows:

18 a. one who shall be a member with experience in the study
19 and documentation of the history of Latino communities
20 in Oklahoma,

21 b. one who shall be a member with experience in the study
22 and documentation of the history of the Black
23 community in Oklahoma,
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- c. one who shall be a member with experience in the study and documentation of the history of American Indian communities in Oklahoma,
- d. one who shall be a current fifth-grade teacher currently certified to teach in Oklahoma with experience teaching United States history,
- e. one who shall be a secondary teacher currently certified to teach United States history in Oklahoma;

2. Five members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, one appointee from each of the five congressional districts;

3. Five members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate, one appointee from each of the five congressional districts;

4. Ten voting ex officio members shall be appointed as follows:

- a. the Lieutenant Governor, who shall serve as chairperson, or a designee,
- b. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, who shall serve as vice-chair, or designee,
- c. the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, or designee,
- d. the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or designee,

- e. the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, or designee,
- f. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council, or designee,
- g. the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, or designee,
- h. the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, or designee,
- i. the Regent of the Oklahoma Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and
- j. the President of the Oklahoma Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

D. Commission members may be removed for cause. Whenever a vacancy on the Commission occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the appointing authority shall fill the same by appointment, and the appointee shall hold office during the unexpired term. Each member shall hold office until a successor has been appointed.

E. All appointments to the Commission shall be made no later than August 1, 2023. The Commission shall hold its first meeting no later than September 1, 2023. The Commission shall be staffed by the Oklahoma Historical Society. All appropriate agencies of state government shall provide assistance to the Commission upon request of the Commission.

1 F. A quorum of thirteen members shall be required to conduct
2 official business of the Commission. The Commission may establish
3 subcommittees to effectuate the purpose of the Commission. The
4 Commission shall meet as often as necessary to perform its duties.

5 G. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for
6 serving on the Commission but shall receive travel reimbursement for
7 necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
8 duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State
9 Travel Reimbursement Act.

10 H. The Commission shall be authorized to:

11 1. Employ personnel;

12 2. Contract for services; and

13 3. Accept gifts, grants, and donations which shall be deposited
14 into the Semiquincentennial Revolving Fund, created in Section 2 of
15 this act.

16 I. On or after June 30, 2027, any remaining supplies or
17 property of the Commission shall transfer to the Oklahoma Historical
18 Society.

19 J. No later than March 1, 2024, the Commission shall
20 electronically submit a report to the Governor, President Pro
21 Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives to include the following information:

23 1. Mission statement of the Commission;

24 2. Goals of the Commission;

1 3. List of proposed activities;

2 4. List of milestones along with applicable dates for executing
3 the proposed activities; and

4 5. Projected budget for planned activities and private
5 fundraising goals.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 501 of Title 53, unless there is
8 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
10 for the Oklahoma Historical Society to be designated the
11 "Semiquincentennial Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing
12 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of
13 all monies received from legislative appropriations, private
14 donations, gifts, and grants. All monies accruing to the credit of
15 the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by
16 the Oklahoma Semiquincentennial Commission for the purposes of the
17 Commission. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
18 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
19 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
20 Services for approval and payment. The Semiquincentennial Revolving
21 Fund shall sunset on June 30, 2027. Any remaining monies in the
22 fund shall transfer to the Historical Society Revolving Fund,
23 created in Section 1.10 of Title 53 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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